

United States
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CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION REVIEW

Background: The Eugene District's Resource Management Plan (June 1995), includes the practice of fuel management treatments to reduce fuel hazards through mechanical manipulation of forest vegetation and debris. The intensive forest management practice of pre-commercial thinning and release with spacing to achieve control of stand density and species composition creates a substantial amount of short term (3-7 year) fine fuels. The purpose of this treatment is to reduce the continuity of such fuel hazards in the Wildland/Urban Interface by creating a fuel break along existing roads and within the thinned units as well as provide a safer access and egress for the public and firefighting forces in event of a wildfire event.

Proposed Action: The proposed action is to implement a program of Pre-commercial Thinning treatment on approximately 37 acres within the Upper Willamette Resource Area. This project will be accomplished primarily by contracting for the mechanical chipping of conifers and / or brush and / or hardwoods using a small tracked machine with a grinding head. Slash will be treated within two units as terrain allows.

Decision: The proposed action described is approved to be carried out during calendar 2004.

Rational: The proposed action qualifies as categorical exclusion C.4., as described in the Department Manual 516 DM 6, Appendix 5, and does not meet any of the exception criteria. The Proposed Action is in conformance with the "Record of Decision for Amendments to Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management Planning documents within the Range of the Northern Spotted Owl" (April 1994), and the "Eugene District Record of Decision and Resource Management Plan" (June 1995). The Proposed Action and recommended mitigation measures are consistent with the District Final SEIS.

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Exception Criteria Review Checklist

Proposed Action: Treatment of Precommercial Thinning Slash, Upper Willamette Resource Area

Review the proposed action against each of the ten criteria listed below. If the project meets one or more of the criteria, it is an exception from categorical exclusion and MUST be analyzed in an EA or EIS. To qualify as a Categorical Exclusion the proposed action may not meet any of the criteria. If the criterion does not apply, indicate "Not Applicable." Any mitigation measures (such as contract stipulations or terms and conditions on permits) necessary to ensure that the proposed action qualifies as a categorical exclusion should be identified at the bottom of the page.

Exception Criteria		Comments
1.	Have significant adverse effects on public health or safety	None
2.	Have adverse effects on unique resources (i.e., parks, recreation, refuge lands, wilderness areas, wild or scenic rivers, wetlands, floodplains, etc.)	None identified
3.	Have highly controversial environmental effects	None identified
4.	Have highly uncertain environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks	None, not applicable
5.	Establish a precedent that could result in significant impacts	None, not applicable
6.	Be directly related to other actions having cumulatively significant effects	None identified
7.	Have adverse effects on cultural or historical resources	None identified
8.	Have adverse effects on species listed or proposed as threatened or endangered or have adverse effect on designated critical habitat for these species.	See mitigation measures H 4/20/04 CM 5/3/04
9.	Require compliance with E.O. 11988 (floodplain management), E.O. 11990 (protection of wetlands), or the Fish & Wildlife Coordination Act	Not applicable
10.	Threaten to violate Federal, State, Local or Tribal law or requirements imposed for the protection of the environment	Not applicable
Mitigation measures needed to qualify as CE: See contract stipulations C.1.16 and C.1.17, Wildlife and/or Botanical Resource Protection. See contract stipulations C.1.9, C.3.21 and C.55.1, Soils resource protection.		

Reviewed By: C. J. [Signature]

Date: 5/24/04

Above mitigation measures have been adopted and will be implemented.

Area Manager Diana Buss

Date: 6/21/04

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